

SENATE BILL 1959

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14, Part 1, relative to electronic  
information devices.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-150, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) For purposes of this subsection ( ):

(A) "Reencoder" means an electronic device that places encoded  
information from the computer chip or magnetic strip or stripe of a  
payment card, driver license or state or local government-issued  
identification card, onto the computer chip or magnetic strip or stripe of a  
different payment card, driver license, or state or local government-issued  
identification card, or any other electronic medium that allows an  
authorized transaction to occur; and

(B) "Scanning device" means a scanner, reader or any other  
electronic device that is used to access, read, scan, obtain, memorize, or  
store, temporarily or permanently, information encoded on a computer  
chip or magnetic strip or stripe of a payment card, driver license, or state  
or local government-issued identification card.

(2)

(A) It is an offense for a person to use a scanning device or  
reencoder without the permission of the holder of the card or license from

which information is being scanned or reencoded with the intent to commit, aid, or abet any criminal offense.

(B) It is an offense for a person who possesses any device, apparatus, equipment, software, material, good, property, or supply that is designed or adapted for use as a scanning device or reencoder with the intent to commit, aid, or abet any criminal offense.

(C) A violation of this subsection ( ) is a class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.